(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

members of the Assembly held yesterday, the following members have been declared elected :

Sriyuths :

1. K. Puttaswamy.	2. K. P. Karumbayya.
3. Y. Ramakrishna.	4. Gajanana Pandit.
5. D. H. Rudrappa.	6. C. J. Muckannappa.

CHAIR'S RULING *Re*: DEPUTY SPEAKER'S AUTHORITY TO PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS.

Yesterday, Hon'ble Member Sri Srinivasa Shetty raised a somewhat unusual point that in the absence of a written delegation from the Speaker under rule 11 of our Rules of Procedure, the Deputy Speaker had no authority to preside over the Assembly. It is surprising that after having referred to the provisions of sub-section (2) of Article 180 of the Constitution, he should still have raised this point. If he had read the provisions of this article, as well as the rule carefully, he would have noticed the patent and obvious distinction between the two. While the rule refers to delegation, the article refers to the authority possessed by the Deputy Speaker in his own right. Under the article, when the Speaker is absent, the Constitution vests the authority in the Deputy Speaker to act as Speaker. This power he does not derive by virtue of any delegation from the Speaker, but in his own right as Deputy Speaker under sub-section (2) of article 180 which directly confers the power on the Deputy Speaker. Hon'ble Member Sri Narasimhan who supported the Hon'ble Member Sri Srinivasa Shetty stated that absence referred to in this sub-section, was absence for a few hours or a few days, but absence during the time when the Speaker was within India. This is reading into the sub-section for more than is contained in it and there is no substance whatsoever in his argument. Rule 11 which relates to delegation must obviously refer to something other than what is contained in the article. It is not necessary for the present purpose to examine that rule since as I observed earlier, I derive power directly from the Constitution and not by virtue of any delegation.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF QUESTIONS SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS ETC.

Mr. Deputy Speaker.—I shall now read out the Statistical Statement of Questions, Resolutions, Half-an-Hour Discussions, Adjournment Motions, etc., for the Budget Session, 1961 as on 27th April, 1961,

Starred Questions

Number of Questions tabled.	...	...	706
Number of questions admitted & sent to Government.	...	...	662